IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Michihiro Ohnishi et al.) Group Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 10/550,302) Examiner: Forman, Betty J.
Filed: September 22, 2005) Confirmation No.: 1171
For: MICROCHIP, KIT FOR EXTRACTING NUCLEIC ACID AND EXTRACTING METHOD FOR NUCLEIC ACID))))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2009, the period for response having been extended through April 14, 2010, by a Petition for Extension of Time of one month and a fee payment submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

Remarks follow the amendment section and begin on page 6 of this paper.